



THE PARKS REPORT

A Monthly Summary of Birmingham's System of Parks & Recreation Facilities

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*"Basketball is my
refuge, my
sanctuary. I go
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on the playground.
When I get here,
it's all good.*

—Kobe Bryant

OUR
PARK AND
RECREATION
STORY!

July is Park and Recreation Month!

This year the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) has given Park and Recreation Month the theme of "Our Park and Recreation Story," to highlight how parks and recreation benefits communities.

We all have a history with a favorite park. That park may have been where you first played organized sports, or where you ran ahead of a kite; maybe it is the place where you read for hours in the quiet shade of an old tree, or you found out you could run faster than other kids on your block. Whatever your reason for loving

a park, it is important that you be an advocate for your local parks as a place that adds a vibrancy to the neighborhood.

Tell us about your favorite park and what it means to you:

"Wylam was my favorite park growing up. It had a ball field, tennis courts, large playground and a National Guard Armory on its perimeter. My father and I would ride bicycles to the park for fun outings. It seemed like a forever trip, but I later learned it was only a little more than a mile from home.

Dad, a veteran, knew everything about every military vehicle parked on that lot. The funny part though was that he rode my sister's bike: a bike for girls! The best part about that park was being with my dad and the fond memories."

—Stanley Blake Robinson

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Bessie Estell Park, District 3

Revenue from reservations in May 2021 totaled \$39,017.50

Birmingham Park and Recreation venues offer rental space for seminars, weddings, parties, workshops and other activities...

VENUE:

MAY REVENUE:

Botanical Gardens	\$12,217.50
Recreation + Sports Facilities	\$19,650.00
Open Park Reservations	\$7,150.00

A Good Walk in the Park Starts Here...

PARK: 1 4th Avenue History 2 A.G. Gaston 3 Alma P. Dennis 4 Altamont 5 Arthur Shores 6 Avondale 7 Barker 8 Bessie Estell 9 Bradford 10 Brother Bryan 11 Brownsville Heights 12 Caldwell 13 Central Park 14 City 15 Clairmont 16 Cooper Green 17 Crestline 18 Crestwood 19 Crowell-Young 20 Dolomite-Westfield (Tin Mill Rd) 21 Dolomite-Westfield (Lewis Street) 22 Dorothy Spears 23 Downey 24 East Brownville 25 East Lake 26 East Pinson Valley 27 Echo Highlands 28 Eddie Kendrick 29 Eldorado 30 Ellsberry 31 Elyton 32 Ensley 33 Erskine Hawkins 34 Evergreen 35 Exchange 36 Fairmont 37 Fairview 38 Flora Johnston Nature 39 Fountain Heights 40 Garden Highlands 41 George Ward 42 Germania 43 Grasselli 44 Grayson 45 Green Acres 46 Greenwood 47 Hanover 48 Harriman 49 Harrison 50 Hillman 51 Hooper City 52 Howze-Sanford 53 Hugo Black 54 Inglenook 55 Jenny Justo 56 Jimmie Hudson 57 Kelly Ingram 58 Key Circle 59 Kiwanis Vulcan Trail 60 Learning Tree 61 Lewis 62 Linn 63 Lowery 64 Lynn 65 Maclin 66 Marconi 67 Martin Luther King Jr. 68 McAlpine 69 McLendon 70 McMahan 71 Memorial 72 Minnieville 73 North Birmingham 74 Norwood Boulevard Trail 75 Norwood 76 One Pratt 77 Overton 78 Oxmoor 79 Patton 80 Phelan 81 Pine Knoll 82 Pratt City 83 Ramsay 1-A 84 Ramsay 1-B 85 Ramsay II 86 Rhodes 87 Rickwood Mini 88 Roebuck 89 Roosevelt City 90 Rotary Trail 91 Rozelle Reynolds 92 Rushton 93 Sherman Heights North 94 Sherman Heights South 95 Spring Haven 96 Spring Water 97 Stockham 98 Tarpley City 99 Thomas 100 Tuxedo Heights 101 Tuxedo 102 Underwood 103 Valley View 104 Wahouma 105 West Brownville 106 West End Walking Trail 107 West Goldwire 108 Wiggins 109 Willow Wood 110 Woodward 111 Wylam **TENNIS:** 112 Highland Park Racquet Club 113 James Lewis Tennis Center 114 George Ward Tennis Center **SOFTBALL/BASEBALL:** 115 Avondale Baseball 116 Cooper Green Baseball 117 George Ward Softball **GOLF:** 118 Boswell-Highland 119 Roebuck-Hawkins **SPECIALTY VENUE:** 120 Legion Field Stadium 121 Birmingham Botanical Gardens.



The New Kickball

Birmingham Park and Recreation has a popular activity that is bringing out the child in the participants and onlookers alike: kickball. Twenty-two co-ed teams of adults gather at iconic Legion Field Stadium on Thursday evenings to enjoy a game that was used around 1920-1921 by physical education teachers in public schools to teach young girls and boys the basics of baseball.

View the fun every Thursday through July 22, 5:45 p.m.



Upcoming

July, National Park and Recreation Month.

July 3, Independence Summer Slam Concert, Legion Field Stadium.

Oct. 9, Morehouse vs. Tuskegee, Legion Field Stadium..

PARKS MAINTENANCE HIGHLIGHTS FOR MAY...

Horticultural Crews: cleaned 2,586 acres; cut 1,139.11 acres; removed 761 bags of litter; disposed of 786.12 tons of debris to the landfill **Maintenance Crew:** installed benches and trash cans at East Pinson Valley, Avondale and Rhodes parks; completed reinstallation of basketball goals in parks.

